- through Mike or clear it through the GM? That would have
- 3 been your choice, right?
- A Do you do a lot of radio, because you don't
- 5 understand how radio works?
- 6 Q No, sir, I am an attorney.
- 7 Q Okay.
- 8 Q I do very little radio.
- 9 A I don't know if you represent enough radio
- 10 stations to know --
- 11 Q Listen to my question It's a very specific one.
- 12 Who made the decision on whether to clear a
- certain item through the GM or through Mike Rice? You made
- 14 that decision, right?
- 15 A No, that is not correct. That is the accepted
- radio standard. You work your way up the lines of command
- 17 before you make a major decision
- 18 Q Well, why did you go to Mike Rice before you went
- 19 to your GM if you were working your way up your line of
- 20 command?
- 21 A Because I was working more directly with Mike Rice
- 22 after Richard Hauschild became general manager, because
- 23 Richard was put in that position from a sales position.
- Q Mike Rice is the owner of these stations when you
- were employed there, right?

- 1 A That's correct.
- 2 Q The general manager is in a position in the
- 3 hierarchy lower than the owner, isn't he?
- 4 A That is correct.
- O Okay. Now, would you say that you and Mr.
- 6 Hauschild got along well?
- 7 A Well?
- No, not really well
- 9 Q Okay. And did you find it easier to talk to Mr.
- 10 Rice than to talk to Mr. Hauschild?
- 11 A No.
- 12 O No.
- 13 A No, it was -- they were two totally different
- sections. One was programming. That was Mike. One was
- promotions, and that was Richard, because promotions --
- 16 Q Is it fair to say ·-
- 17 A -- is directly tied to sales.
- 18 Q Is it fair to say that you didn't get along with
- 19 Mike Rice the way you didn't get along with Mr. Hauschild?
- 20 A No, that's not fair to say either, to use the word
- 21 "fair."
- 22 Q You did get along with Mike Rice, correct?
- 23 A Um-hmm.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: That's a yes?
- THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry.

- 1 BY MR. GAFFNEY:
- 2 Q Now, you testified that Mr. Rice was not involved,
- 3 to your knowledge, in your termination?
- 4 A To my knowledge, no
- 5 O But you have also testified that, at least in your
- 6 opinion, whatever Mike Rice said around that radio station,
- 7 that's what went, right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q What Mike says goes
- 10 At the time you were terminated you still
- considered yourself to be friends with Mr. Rice, right?
- 12 A When I was terminated?
- 13 O Yes.
- 14 A Yes, I did.
- 15 Q Now, if Mr. Rice was in control of the stations,
- 16 his friend was getting terminated --
- 17 A I'm sorry, I --
- 18 Q -- he could have turned that around, right?
- 19 A I missed your question because I would like to
- qualify an answer that I gave you a minute ago.
- Q Well, listen --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Let him clarify the answer, and
- 23 then answer.
- 24 THE WITNESS: Okay. And that was the question
- 25 regarding friends to Mike Rice after I was fired.

1	BY MR. GAFFNEY
2	Q Not after. Before.
3	A I'm sorry. Before I was fired?
4	Q Just before.
5	A Just before.
6	Q You considered yourselves friends with them. You
7	didn't have a falling out with him or anything, did you?
8	A I'm not certain. And the reason why I say that is
9	because after he was convicted of those charges, there were
10	a lot of other question marks in my mind because I had
11	always construed him innocent until proven guilty.
12	Q Okay.
13	A And at that point he became guilty, and I wasn't
14	certain where my respect should remain.
15	Q All right. Now, I am not talking right now about
16	your
17	A And subsequent friendship and bond, common bond.
18	Q What I am saying, if Mr Rice still considered you
19	as a friend, and you were in charge of the station, and his
20	friend is getting fired, then he could have turned that
21	around, made sure you weren't fired, right?
22	A Oh, you are asking if Michael Rice considered me
23	his friend?

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your firing.

I am asking you if Michael Rice could have stopped

- 1 MR. MASTANDO: Calls for speculation, Your Honor.
- 2 How does --
- MR. GAFFNEY: Well wait a minute.
- 4 BY MR. GAFFNEY
- 5 O You worked at the radio stations. You said Mike
- 6 Rice is in control of a whole bunch of things.
- Was he in control enough to stop your firing?
- 8 A Well, you are asking whether or not I know if Mike
- 9 Rice -- okay, you are asking if I could speculate on whether
- or not Mike Rice could have stopped my firing.
- 11 Let me put it this way. I suspect that Mike Rice
- 12 condoned my termination
- 13 Q You expect he condoned
- 14 A I suspect, I suspect he condoned --
- 15 Q You suspect --
- 16 MR. MASTANDO: Objection, Your Honor.
- 17 THE WITNESS: -- because I know of his operation
- 18 as an owner of a station.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, we have an objection.
- BY MR. GAFFNEY:
- 21 O If Mike --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Mr. Gaffney.
- MR. GAFFNEY: Excuse me.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, I have let you go on cause
- 25 it was kind of interesting, frankly. But, you know, let's

- 1 avoid the speculation.
- 2 MR. GAFFNEY: Sure
- JUDGE STEINBERG: And be a little more factual.
- 4 BY MR GAFFNEY:
- 5 Q In your observations, you had testified that when
- 6 Mr. Rice said that a certain hiring or firing decision was
- 7 supposed to happen, it happened right?
- 8 A Um-hmm Yes.
- 9 Q And under --
- 10 A And that's why ---
- 11 Q -- that experience, if Mike Rice wanted to stop
- you from being fired, your testimony would be he could have?
- 13 A That's correct, and that's why I suspect that he
- was involved in the firing.
- 15 Q So then he changed his mind about you, huh?
- 16 A It's possible.
- 17 Q The man you say never changes his mind.
- 18 A That's possible.
- 19 Q Now, at one point in your deposition in the case
- 20 for wrongful termination against Contemporary, did you make
- 21 a statement to the effect that "I'm going to get Mike Rice.
- 22 I'm going to get his stations "?
- 23 A What?
- Q Did you make a statement to the effect that "I'm
- going to get Mike Rice, " or "I'm going to get his stations"?

- 1 A In my deposition?
- 2 Q Not on the record but while you were there in
- 3 front of others, do you recall saying that?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q Or anything like that?
- A No, not at all. I don't want whatever station he
- 7 has got.
- 8 Q And you never said that "I'll get Mike Rice"?
- 9 A No, I did not.
- 10 And, further, I would never.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: There is no pending question.
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- BY MR. GAFFNEY:
- 14 Q In fact, what you did say on the record though is
- that you would get all that the law allowed, right?
- 16 A That's correct. All that the law will allow in my
- 17 particular case.
- MR. GAFFNEY: No further questions of this
- 19 witness, Your Honor.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Redirect?
- MR. MASTANDO: Yes, Your Honor.
- MR. ZAUNER: Could we have just a couple of
- 23 minutes, Your Honor?
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Sure. Let's go off the record.
- 25 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

1	JUDGE STEINBERG: We are back on the record.
2	Redirect, Mr. Mastando?
3	REBUTTAL REDIRECT EXAMINATION
4	BY MR. MASTANDO:
5	Q You mentioned that Michael Rice was upset at one
6	point when the 10 record were changed, and he didn't like
7	the fact that so many new records were put into the
8	rotation?
9	A Right, I do recall that.
10	Q Were 10 records ever after he after he
11	expressed his displeasure, were 10 records ever changed, put
12	into the format again after that?
13	A I don't believe so.
14	The only way for me to know absolutely certain is
15	to go back through radio and records and find out. But I
16	don't recall having added that many records. That is just
17	not an acceptable thing.
18	Q You mentioned that a paper trail or documentation
19	was created, or you mentioned that a paper trail or
20	documentation was established to fire Janice Pratt.
21	A Yes, that is correct.
22	And I should add that a paper trail is a phrase
23	that I have just picked up along the way. Documentation is
24	the more appropriate way to characterize it.
25	Q Were any items in that documentation fabricated?

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- A Well, I knew just from experience with the company
- 4 that a termination had to be documented to keep the station
- 5 from getting into any legal challenges of any sort. And, in
- fact, we did end up in a question on sex discrimination with
- 7 her, even with that documentation
- 8 Q Why didn't you say during your deposition -- I
- 9 strike my last question. I withdraw the last question.
- 10 Would you have created that documentation on
- Janice Pratt if Michael Rice had not ordered you to fire or
- had not suggested that she be fired?
- 13 A Would I still have created that documentation?
- I would have, but I would not have fired her had
- Mike not told me to. But if I would have fired anyone, I
- 16 would have still created that documentation.
- 17 Q You have characterized Michael Rice as making up
- his mind and being difficult to change, it was difficult to
- 19 change his mind thereafter.
- 20 A Um-hmm.
- 21 0 Is that true?
- 22 A That is correct, and perhaps the previous
- 23 statement that I made about Mike never changes his mind
- 24 might be a little over dramatic. I am a disc jockey. The
- reality is that it was a very difficult thing to change his

- 1 mind. There had better be some darn good explanations why
- 2 something was done if it was not done his way. And I don't
- 3 mean that I am a cry baby or anything either. But there is
- 4 a certain amount of that to his personality.
- 5 Q Now, there were a number of people that were
- 6 mentioned -- Janice Pratt, Robert Kinneson, Mike Steel, Sean
- 7 Madden, Jeff Davis, Mark Savage, Ben Orzeske -- about which
- 8 you testified Mike directed or suggested certain things,
- 9 particularly their termination.
- Did you act inconsistent with those directions?
- 11 A Inconsistently you mean, or consistently?
- 12 Q Did you disregard what Michael Rice said about
- 13 firing people?
- 14 A Oh, no, absolutely not.
- 15 Q Did you -- you testified that you delayed firing
- on occasion.
- 17 A Well, there is a couple of circumstances
- 18 surrounding all of this.
- 19 First of all, before you let somebody go you have
- to have somebody to replace them. So the recruiting process
- 21 can take a long time to do
- In the case of Janice Pratt, I started recruiting,
- 23 started talking to the part timer. The part timer then was
- on Mike's hit list, and so both of them had to go. I found
- 25 a part timer first. I did not have anybody else in my part-

- time pool to take Janice Pratt's place, so I needed to find
- 2 somebody else.
- It took me a little while to do that, but I did
- find somebody and had somebody in there the next day, the
- 5 next business day that Janice Pratt would have been working.
- 6 Q Are you suggesting that there is a process to a
- 7 termination?
- 8 A Oh, absolutely, because you certainly do not want
- 9 to have a vacancy on the air staff. It's bad enough
- 10 whenever somebody quits with two weeks notice, and it takes
- 11 you five weeks to get somebody an there.
- 12 Q There is a certain hierarchy in the Contemporary
- 13 Media Group. And I use that phrase to mean all three
- 14 Licensees, Contemporary Broadcasting, Contemporary Media and
- 15 Lake Broadcasting.
- 16 You were in a position. Your position as group
- 17 programmer, were you directly responsible to a particular
- 18 organization or did you -- or were you responsible to a
- 19 series of organizations?
- 20 A Well, yes, the responsibilities varied though,
- 21 however. With Lake Broadcasting, the only involvement
- really there was regarding talent recruitment, and it was in
- 23 the context of if I -- if while recruiting for WZZQ, which I
- think is Contemporary Media, and KFMZ, which is
- Contemporary, that if I came across somebody that would be

- 1 good for the Lake, to let Mike know.
- 2 Q From what accounts did you receive your payroll
- 3 check?
- 4 A Contemporary
- 5 MR. GAFFNEY: Objection, Your Honor. This goes
- 6 way beyond cross.
- 7 JUDGE STEINBERG: Sustained.
- 8 MR. MASTANDO: Your Honor, may I respond?
- 9 JUDGE STEINBERG: No.
- BY MR. MASTANDO:
- 11 Q Were you in any way responsible to both
- 12 Contemporary Media and Contemporary Broadcasting as part of
- this hierarchy?
- 14 MR. GAFFNEY: Same objection. Objection.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Where is this going? I mean,
- why couldn't you have asked him this on direct?
- I don't think the organizational structure was
- 18 mentioned in the cross.
- MR. MASTANDO: It was, Your Honor, in so much as
- 20 opposing counsel suggested that Paul Hanks was not reporting
- 21 to -- was reporting to Richard Hauschild as opposed to
- 22 Michael Rice, and there are reasons for that because --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, just ask him those
- 24 questions, why did you go to Rice without first going to
- 25 Hauschild. I mean, if that's what the question is. I might

- ask it myself if you don't. But I don't think the
- 2 organizational structure -
- BY MR. MASTANDO:
- Q Okay, to paraphrase Your Honor's question, were
- 5 there reasons why you would go to Michael Rice instead of
- 6 Richard Hauschild?
- 7 A Yes. Richard and I worked primarily on the
- 8 promotion side of programming As I mentioned, programming
- 9 is a multifaceted area with that company. Some companies
- 10 have a promotions director. In this case, programming
- 11 handled promotions. So I went to Richard Hauschild
- regarding promotions because most of them are sales
- 13 oriented.
- 14 With Mike Rice, it was more of the other
- programming, the music, the station critiques, the disc
- 16 jockey critiques, things of that nature. Those are the
- items that were discussed with Mike.
- 18 Q You understood Richard Hauschild's role as general
- 19 manager for --
- 20 MR. GAFFNEY: Objection, Your Honor. If he wants
- 21 to ask what Hauschild's role was, that's --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes, ask what was Hauschild's
- 23 role.
- BY MR. MASTANDO:
- 25 Q What organization was Richard Hauschild the

- 1 general manager for?
- 2 A He was general manager of KFMZ which is
- 3 Contemporary. And he was my immediate supervisor.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, we have two
- 5 Contemporaries. We have Contemporary Media, Inc. and
- 6 Contemporary Broadcasting, Inc.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Right
- JUDGE STEINBERG: So when you say "Contemporary,"
- 9 you should be more specific
- 10 THE WITNESS: All right
- JUDGE STEINBERG: If you can.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay. Contemporary Broadcasting was
- 13 KFMZ. And Contemporary Media was WZZQ. Richard Hauschild
- was the general manager of Contemporary Broadcasting's KFMZ.
- 15 And the general manager position is a sales position. I
- 16 mean, it's like a sales manager position essentially. There
- are some general management things, obviously, personnel
- office, having your office manger report to you, and in my
- 19 case as well. The program director reports to you on
- 20 specific items as it relates to his position, which were
- 21 sales-related items from programming, that's promotions.
- Is that making sense or am I getting really weird?
- BY MR. MASTANDO:
- Q Did your responsibilities extend beyond
- 25 Contemporary Broadcasting?

- 1 A Yes, they did.
- I worked -- in regards to working for WZZQ, which
- is part of Contemporary Media, is that what -- okay, yes.
- 4 Yes, they did in that working with the program director
- 5 there, and program consultant/advisor, group program
- 6 director, whatever you what to call it. So in that case,
- 7 yes. Yes, indeed, it did go over into Contemporary Media.
- And I guess I have referred to them all along as
- 9 just the two different stations
- MR. MASTANDO: No further questions, Your Honor.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, now, my question is why
- did you take some things up with Mr. Rice directly without
- going through Mr. Hauschild, if you did that? And I think
- 14 the testimony was that you did
- THE WITNESS: Oh, yes, I did.
- Programming issues were always taken up with Mike.
- 17 And so those were the items that were taken up directly with
- 18 Mike.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Did Mr. Hauschild ever say don't
- talk to Mike before you talk to me?
- THE WITNESS: No. No.
- One time, though, he did bring up music himself,
- and it was at a budget meeting. But that was the only time
- 24 that he brought up the music in a meeting setting.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, are you familiar with the

1	abbreviation at the bottom of memos, "cc"?
2	THE WITNESS: Yes
3	JUDGE STEINBERG: And what does that mean?
4	THE WITNESS: That means carbon copy.
5	JUDGE STEINBERG: Do you know or are familiar with
6	the abbreviation at the bottom of memos, the bottom of a
7	copy of a memo, "bc"?
8	THE WITNESS: No.
9	JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. Did you ever hear the
10	phrase "blind copy"?
11	THE WITNESS: No
12	JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay.
13	MR. GAFFNEY: One question recross?
14	JUDGE STEINBERG: One question. I don't normally
15	allow it but I will since it's just one question.
16	MR. GAFFNEY: A single question.
17	REBUTTAL RECROSS EXAMINATION
18	BY MR. GAFFNEY:
19	Q Sir, you said in response to Mr. Mastando's
20	redirect that you might have misstated when you said Mr.
21	Rice never changed his mind, and then you said "that's
22	because I'm a disc jockey."
23	A Yes.
24	Q Did you mean by that you have a tendency to

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exaggerate, sir?

1	A In this courtroom?
2	MR. MASTANDO: Objection, Your Honor.
3	MR. GAFFNEY: No
4	JUDGE STEINBERG: Overruled.
5	BY MR. GAFFNEY:
6	Q Did you mean by that statement that you have a
7	tendency to exaggerate?
8	A Exaggerate. I can have the tendency to
9	exaggerate.
10	MR. GAFFNEY: Thank you, sir.
11	JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, and let me just ask you.
12	MR. MASTANDO: Your Honor, I would like to
13	JUDGE STEINBERG: I'm taking care of it.
14	Have you exaggerated in the courtroom today?
15	THE WITNESS: Through the re-questioning or
16	whatever, it appears that I have exaggerate the statement
17	about Mike Rice's change of mind.
18	Regarding the other statements that have been
19	made, I do not believe that I have exaggerated anything. I
20	have tried to answer as honestly and as straightforward as
21	possible.
22	In regards to that comment about Mike, Mike is a
23	very headstrong person, and he can be very difficult to
24	discuss things with. And so based upon that it is very,
25	very difficult to change his mind.

- JUDGE STEINBERG: But he does change his mind? 1 THE WITNESS: Occasionally. 2 JUDGE STEINBERG: Do you want to follow that? You 3 don't have to if you don't want to. 4 MR. MASTANDO: I think I got the answer that I 5 wanted from the witness in my last question. Thank you. 6 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. I think you can be 7 8 excused now. I would ask you not to discuss your testimony. Have you spoke -- I wanted to ask you this. 9 10 Have you spoken with John Rhea recently? Recently, in let's say within the last year? 11 12 THE WITNESS: No. The last time I spoke with him was during that business trip to fire Mark Savage. 13 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. But you haven't spoken 14 15 with him over the last several months concerning any of the matters that we talked about today? 16 17 THE WITNESS: No. sir I haven't. 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. And I would just urge you 19 not to speak with anybody. I mean, this case isn't finished. It's possible that you will be recalled. 20 21 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, i didn't mean to --22 JUDGE STEINBERG: That's okay. 23 THE WITNESS: -- be so facial with you. I guess I
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JUDGE STEINBERG: And unhappy look crossed your

wasn't happy about this.

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- 1 face for the record.
- But it's possible that you will be recalled so I
- 3 would direct you not to talk about your testimony here today
- 4 with anybody You can talk with Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Sadowsky
- or the Bureau's counsel, or certainly your own lawyers in
- 6 the private suit that you have against the station. But I
- 7 would urge you not -- I would direct you not to talk about
- 8 your testimony or any of the questions that were asked to
- 9 anybody else.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Okav
- JUDGE STEINBERG: You can talk to your wife.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Okay Thank you.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: And your children, you know, but
- I am talking about anybody that's connected with this case.
- THE WITNESS: Since my attorney was not present
- and could not be here, is it possible for him to get any
- information on my testimony?
- 18 JUDGE STEINBERG: Sure. This is all public.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Okay
- JUDGE STEINBERG: So you can give him Mr. Zauner's
- 21 number.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Or give him the court reporter's
- 24 card. Drumming up a little business for the court reporter
- 25 in here.

1	THE WITNESS: Okay
2	JUDGE STEINBERG: And I am sure they would be
3	happy to provide you with a copy of the transcript for which
4	you will pay a large amount of money.
5	Okay, so you are excused. Thank you.
6	THE WITNESS: For the record, I mean, I'm
7	JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes, you can go home.
8	THE WITNESS: Okay
9	JUDGE STEINBERG: Unless you want to stick around,
10	but I wouldn't if I were you
11	Okay, thank you.
12	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
13	JUDGE STEINBERG: Appreciate your coming.
14	(Witness excused.)
15	JUDGE STEINBERG: One-thirty?
16	MR. ZAUNER: We would even go for 1:15. We will
17	make it 1:30. That's fine
18	JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes 1:30, we will be recessed
19	until 1:30.
20	(Whereupon, at 12:15 p.m., the hearing was
21	recessed, to resume at 1:;30 p.m., this same day, Tuesday,
22	May 21, 1996.
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1	AFTERNOON SESSION
2	1:30 p.m.
3	JUDGE STEINBERG: Back on the record.
4	MR. ZAUNER: Your Honor, at this time the Bureau
5	would request that you call to the stand John Rhea.
6	JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. Mr. Rhea.
7	Would you raise your right hand, please?
8	Whereupon,
9	JOHN RHEA
10	having been first duly sworn, was called as a
11	witness herein and was examined and testified as follows:
12	JUDGE STEINBERG: Please be seated.
13	REBUTTAL DIRECT EXAMINATION
14	BY MR. ZAUNER:
15	Q Mr. Rhea, would you please state your name and
16	address for the record?
17	A My name is John Rhea, spelled R-H-E-A. I live at
18	8561 Darlington Cove, South Haven, Mississippi.
19	Q Are you appearing here today pursuant to a
20	subpoena?
21	A I am, sir.
22	Q Are you represented by counsel?
23	A I am not.
24	Q Do you understand that you have a right to be
25	represented by counsel?

- 1 A I do, sir.
- Q What is your present occupation?
- A Sales, senior sales representative for urban
- 4 contemporary station in the Memphis market.
- 5 O And what are the call letters of that station?
- 6 A KJMS.
- 7 O How long have you worked in the broadcasting
- 8 industry?
- 9 A Since April of 1964
- 10 Q Could you give us a brief summary of your
- 11 broadcast experience?
- 12 A I started my broadcast career at WMPS, Plow
- Broadcasting, in Memphis, in 1964, as a salesman, evolving
- into 14 years that I was with them to general sales manager,
- and then on to vice president and general manager of the
- 16 station.
- I left there in July of '77, and went to Clear
- 18 Channel Communications when they were an infant, so to
- 19 speak, and took over an operation in El Paso, Texas. The
- 20 then call letters were KELP
- I left there, was there for about a year and a
- 22 half. Moved back to Memphis. Memphis, I'll tell you, is
- 23 kind of my home port, if you didn't know that already.
- 24 Moved back to Memphis to work for Sam Phillips at WLVS-WWEE.
- 25 he was just putting these two stations together. He had

- owned the AM station and had just gotten an FM frequency and
- 2 got it on the air.
- I was there for two years, and then I went to work
- 4 for Jack Roth in San Antonio oat KITY-KONO. Was there for a
- 5 year and a half, and went to I'm trying to remember.
- 6 This is ancient history. I went to work for William B.
- 7 Tanner in Memphis for two years
- And then I went to -- I left there, I think it was
- 9 '82, and went to WYOU in Tampa, Florida. I was there for
- 10 three years.
- I left there in December of '85, and went to as a
- group manager in Huntsville. Alabama, four AM stations. I
- was not a station manager. I was a group manager in that
- 14 particular situation.
- I was there for three years, and then went to,
- qosh, I can't remember the call letters, W -- no -- W102 was
- in Chattanooga. I don't remember the call letters just
- 18 offhand. I was there for two years.
- Then went to --
- THE WITNESS: Excuse me. Judge, may I pull off my
- 21 coat?
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Sure.
- THE WITNESS: I'm a little steamy.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Take your coat off, take your
- 25 tie off. Your pants stay on

- 1 (Laughter.)
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Just do whatever you need to do
- 4 to be comfortable.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Okay, thanks.
- I left Chattanooga and went to Galveston, Texas,
- 7 to manage KILE in Galveston. I was there a year and a half,
- 8 and then went to St. Angelo, Texas, to manage a new company
- 9 that was being just put on the air. The company that owned
- it went into default before it hardly celebrated a year and
- 11 the station went dark.
- 12 And that's when I went to work for Contemporary
- Media. This would have been in, I think, December of '81.
- BY MR. ZAUNER:
- 15 Q You mean '91?
- 16 A '91. Excuse me.
- MR. ZAUNER: Your Honor, just for the record,
- 18 there was some question as to the dates of employment, or
- 19 the dates of employment of John Rhea.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Right.
- 21 MR. ZAUNER: And counsel for the Licensees have
- informed me that in fact his dates of employment were
- 23 December 30, 1991 to December 16, 1992.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Is that correct?
- MR. GAFFNEY: That's correct, Your Honor.

JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay, so that will be stipulated 1 2 to. MR. GAFFNEY: Yes. Your Honor. 3 JUDGE STEINBERG: About two weeks less than a 4 5 year. 6 MR. GAFFNEY: That's correct. BY MR 7 ZAUNER: Who hired you to work for Contemporary? 8 0 Janet Cox. 9 And was that Contemporary Media, Inc. or 10 11 Contemporary Broadcasting, Inc. or do you know? 12 А Contemporary Media, and that was out of St. 13 Charles, Missouri. 14 0 What position were you hired for? General manager of both ZZQ and BOW, WBOW. 15 Α And WBOW is the AM and ZZQ was the FM. 16 0 Yes, sir. 17 Α Is that correct? 18 0 Α That's correct. 19 20 What were your duties as general manager? 21 My basic duties there when they hired me and Janet 22 kind of put it to me kind of straight, is mainly to run the 23 sales department, and, of course, oversee the general 24 operation of the radio station. 25 I was not that involved in programming as we will